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Macomb Receives DEQ Water Quality Grant

DEQ grant provides funding for real time water quality monitoring system

Lansing — State Senator Michael Switalski (D-Roseville) announced today that the Department of Environmental Quality has provided a \$760,000 grant earlier this week to help fund a real time water quality monitoring system for Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River.

"The entire Macomb County delegation of the Michigan Legislature must be commended for their hard work in securing this DEQ grant," said Switalski. "It was a total bi-partisan, bi-cameral effort and this grant will go to help fund a program that will safeguard Macomb County's residents and alert them of potential dangers to our drinking water supply and beaches."

The real time monitoring (RTM) system will analyze water quality, evaluate discharge data and provide timely notification when it detects harmful chemical and/or biological releases and other harmful containments that pose a threat to public safety. The DEQ grant will be integrated and utilized into the system through the Macomb/St. Clair Intercounty Watershed Advisory Committee.

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